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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form

☒ Original ☐ Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-81 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Piero Tozzi
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None ☒
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: March 5, 2020 Return: March 7, 2020
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None ☒
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Naples, FL Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: International Center on Law, Life, Faith and Family at Ave Maria Law School
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Discussion of problems of religious persecution in sub-Saharan Africa by experts in roundtable setting.
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
 - a. ☒ a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. ☒ the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms*;
 - c. ☒ page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
 - d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda.
Signify statement is true by checking the box: ☒
b. If not, explain: _____

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I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 3/17/2020

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Rep. Christopher H. Smith Date: 3/17/2020

Signature of Supervising Member: 



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Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form

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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within ten days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: International Center on Law, Life, Faith and Family (ICOLF) at Ave Maria School of Law

2. Travel Destination(s): 707 Vineyard Blvd Naples, FL 34119

3. Date of Departure: 03/05/2020 Date of Return: 03/07/2020

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Piero Tozzi

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$405.53 (Airfare, taxi, Uber)	\$418.00 (\$209/per night)	\$152.00 (2 Breakfasts;1 Lunch,1 dinner)	\$975.53
Accompanying Family Member				

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box: ☒

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: 18 March 2020

Name: Jane Adolphs

Title: Director

Organization: International Center on Law, Life, Faith and Family (ICOLF)

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box: ☒

Address: 1025 Commons Circle, Naples, FL 34116

Telephone: 734-827-0943 or 239 687-5387

Email: jadolphert@gmail.com

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.



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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Piero Tozzi
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: International Center on Law, Life, Faith and Family at Ave Maria Law Sch
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Naples, Florida
4. a. Date of Departure: March 5, 2020 Date of Return: March 7, 2020
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes:
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
(2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
(3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age: ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: ☒ Yes ☐ No
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.
Chief Foreign Policy Advisor to Ranking Member of Africa & Global Human Rights subcommittee; also serves as
Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Republican Staff Director, which has addressed the Christian Persecution
topic of in Sub-Saharan Africa in hearings and briefings.
9. **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?** ☐ Yes ☒ No
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member

Date

2/3/2020



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Primary Trip Sponsor Form

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip: INTERNATIONAL CENTER ON LAW, LIFE, FAITH AND FAMILY (ICOLF) at AVE MARIA LAW SCHOOL
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box: ☒
3. Check only one. I represent that:
 - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: ☒ OR
 - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: ☐ OR
 - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities. ☐If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):
Piero Tozzi - Participation in Meeting on Scholarship Grant
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
6. Date of Departure: MARCH 5, 2020 Date of Return: MARCH 7, 2020
7. a. City of departure: WASHINGTON D.C.
b. Destination(s): NAPLES, FL.
c. City of return: WASHINGTON D.C.
8. Check only one. I represent that:
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ OR
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ OR
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
9. Check only one of the following:
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ☒
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ OR
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐ If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____



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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). Indicate agenda is attached by checking box: ☐
11. Check only one of the following:
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. Signify that the statement is true by checking box: ☒ OR

b. Not Applicable. Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education: ☐

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

ICOLF: Academic & scholarly interest
through informal round table meeting.

13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:

- a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (specify: _____)
- b. Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (specify: _____)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). Signify that the statement is true by checking box: ☒

15. Check only one. I represent that either:

a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☒ OR

b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically with regard to congressional participation: ☐

If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: HAMPTON INN City: NATICK, MA Cost Per Night: 150.00

Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to the event

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. Signify that the statement is true by checking box: ☒



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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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19. Check only one:

a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below: ☒ OR

b. Not Applicable. Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee at the following address:

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U.S. House of Representatives

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March 4, 2020

Mr. Piero Tozzi
Office of the Honorable Christopher Smith
2373 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Tozzi:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Naples, Florida, scheduled for March 5 to 7, 2020, sponsored by the International Center on Law, Life, Faith, and Family.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman

Kenny Marchant
Ranking Member

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1/31/2020

**International Expert Meeting:
“Persecution and Genocide of Christians in Sub-Saharan Africa”**

5 -7 March 2020

Naples, Florida

Thursday – 5 March 2020

6:30: Dinner – Restaurant Capital Grill, Naples, Florida: Keynote Address

Friday – 6 March 2020

8:30 - Breakfast

9:00 – PANEL I: Overview - Facts on the Ground

10:00 – PANEL II: Humanitarian Concerns

11:30 – PANEL III: Policy Issues

12:30 – Lunch

1:30 – PANEL IV: Legal Issues

3:00 - PART V: Advocacy

4:30 – PART VI: Strategy

7:00 – DINNER –

Saturday – 7 March 2020

8:30 – Breakfast

9:00 – 11:30: Part VI – Strategy continued

12:00: DEPARTURE FOR AIRPORT



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ICOLF CONFERENCE GUEST EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS

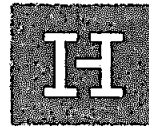
Ave Maria School of Law is assisting ICOLF with processing reimbursements for conference guests for travel expenses. Reimbursement checks will be prepared upon receipt of the following documentation:

- Completed Reimbursement Request Form. Please include address, e-mail address, and telephone number to facilitate contact if there is a question.
- Receipts showing payment of the expense. The receipt should reflect the name of the person requesting reimbursement and the manner of payment and currency. If the receipt is not in English, we request assistance with translation.
- Reimbursements will be in the form of a check in American dollars.

If the above documents are received by Ms. Nohemi Athanas nathanas@avemarialaw.edu by **Wednesday, February 26, 2020** a check will be **ready for distribution during the Conference. The check may be exchanged for cash at our nearby financial institution.**

If documents are submitted after February 26, 2020 the reimbursement check will be mailed.

We look forward to your visit to Ave Maria School of Law!



**INTERNATIONAL EXPERT STRATEGY MEETING
ON THE
“PERSECUTION AND GENOCIDE OF CHRISTIANS IN SUB SAHARAN
AFRICA”**

**Organized by the International Center on Law, Life, Faith and Family (ICOLF)
Co-sponsored by Ave Maria School of Law, the Hudson Institute’s Center for
Religious Freedom and Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) International**

***5 -7 March 2020
Ave Maria School of Law
1025 Commons Circle
Naples, Florida, 34119
Administration Building (Cardinal O’Connor Room)***

CONCEPT NOTE

The Context:

An Islamic extremist effort to exterminate Christians in sub-Saharan Africa is intensifying and even more brutal and more consequential for the Church than it is in the Middle East, the place where the US government officially determined that Christians suffered ISIS “genocide.” A growing number of these African countries are seeing the rise of ISIS- and al-Qaida affiliates, and non-state terrorists like them, who specifically target Christians in their quest to establish Islamist rule. Western governments, NGOs and the media have shown little awareness of this threat, even as Church leaders in Africa plead for international help. As jihadists gain ground, the Pentagon is currently proposing the removal of 6,000 US troops from Africa, including the 1,400 in West Africa.

These African churches are the youngest Church communities, whose exponential growth has prompted the Vatican and others to see Africa as “the beacon of hope for the Church.” Data released in 2019 show, for the first time, Africa as the continent with the most Christians, numbering 631 million, surpassing even Latin America. Whereas hundred years ago, there were barely 2 million Catholics on the continent, now there are 230 million. Africa generates ten percent of the world’s Catholic priests. But

the bright future of African Christianity is imperiled by a fast-growing and violently intolerant Islamist trend.

Violent attacks are up five-fold since 2016 in West Africa. In recent years, thousands of Christians have been slaughtered, forcibly converted to Islam, kidnapped for ransom or sexual enslavement, and/or driven out of their homes and into refugee camps. Such a pattern is called “religio-ethnic cleansing” though it may amount to legally defined genocide.

A few facts about this situation follow:

- Although recent massacres in Burkina Faso are almost as alarming, no place in sub-Sahara is more notorious for religious hostility against Christians than Nigeria, Africa’s most populous country and largest economy. Over the last decade, more Christians have been deliberately murdered for their faith by Islamic extremists in Nigeria’s northern and central belts than in all the Middle East combined.
- Over 20 Catholics and Protestants have been beheaded since Christmas in Nigeria, alone.
- Among those murdered for their faith over Christmas include a Catholic bride and all her bridesmaids, while traveling to the bride’s country home to prepare the wedding.
- In mid-January, Rev. Andimi, the director of a regional office of the Christian Association of Nigeria, was filmed by Isis’ affiliate pleading for his life and, in a later film, being beheaded by the terror group. His executioner was identified as Emanuel, a man from his church who had been previously abducted and forcibly converted to Islam.
- Also, in mid-January, word came that the 14 -year-old Nigerian Christian girl Leah Sharibu, whose case of abduction and enslavement “for life” two years ago after courageously giving witness to her faith at gunpoint became internationally known, is now a mother and has been forcibly converted to Islam while captive in the Nigerian wilderness.
- In tiny Burkina Faso, three priests and two Protestant ministers have been murdered, along with their congregations during 2019. On 20 January 2020, a village of 195 homes was razed to the ground and the Christian inhabitants who could flee were eventually taken hostage or killed. Terrorists carefully choose and target teachers and priests with a view to crippling social services for a population who becomes homeless and poor through internal displacement. By the end of January 2020, there were at least 600,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) under the care of the Catholic Church.
- A few months ago, all the residents of an entire Christian village were slaughtered in Mali, leaving no survivors.
- Even majority Christian Mozambique on Africa’s east coast is experiencing a “cyclone” of extremist attacks, according to the Catholic bishops’ conference there.
- In each of these countries, churches are being systematically burned in the areas under extremist’ control.

A Strategy Conference:

This persecution is a relatively new development, marked by an accelerating intensity and scope during 2019. Many of the victims are Catholics, which has prompted the Sub Saharan Catholic bishops to be remarkably vocal in their pleas for help. And, because it is new, it seems that all sectors in the West remain unaware of the scale of the crisis and are unprepared to provide help. There is little

infrastructure in the US dedicated to religious persecution in Africa; few religious freedom organizations have well-developed Sub Saharan components or networks.

A strategy conference convened at the Ave Maria Law School would be pivotal, convening religious freedom advocates and experts across relevant disciplines, while there is still time. While there are few focusing directly on anti-Christian persecution in Sub Saharan African, several of us have worked in coalition on similar patterns of persecution in the Middle East. An Ave Maria conference would be path breaking and lead the way in this effort.

The purpose of the conference would be three-fold:

1. Raise awareness and sharing information among leading Catholic religious persecution advocates and aid providers with information, analysis and testimony from some of the hardest-hit African Christian communities.
2. Discuss and adopt achievable strategies to help the targeted communities, working through US government policies, Congress, Western and international organizations and private charities, churches, NGOs, and think tanks.
3. Develop a core network of experts, including church and lay leaders in Africa, to sustain a campaign to protect and preserve Sub Saharan Christianity.

Possible issues for presentation and discussion:

- Facts and analysis relating to the attacks, their authors, scale, scope and impact on the churches and impact on Muslim communities and their responses.
- Persecution of women; sexual enslavement as a form of religious coercion.
- Large scale hostage taking as a form of targeted persecution; how to prevent it and deal with it.
- Facts and analysis of the inadequacies of African governments' responses to the persecution.
- Facts and analysis of UN programs regarding refugees, IDPs and Peacekeepers; protecting aid workers and clinics from hostage taking and looting.
- Evaluating whether these situations are genocide under international law.
- US military counter-terrorism policies and goals in Sub Saharan Africa: how they can be aimed at better protection for vulnerable religious communities.
- Facts about small arms flows and the roles and influence of ISIS and al Qaeda in Sub Saharan terror.
- US prioritization of religious freedom in its foreign policy and how that should apply in Sub Saharan Africa.
- US aid policies and programs, currently and potentially.
- African Church efforts to deal with the persecution: successes and failures on diocesan, national, regional and international basis.
- Lessons learned from the Middle East; prospects for Sub Saharan Africa, including preventing terror's spread to Senegal and Ghana.
- The P's and R's relating to the problems: protection, prevention, prohibition, prosecution, punishment and rescue, rehabilitation, return, reintegration, remedies.
- Case studies of certain countries (e.g., Nigeria).

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Books

Ronald J Rychlak, Jane F. Adolphe **"Persecution and Genocide of Christians in the Middle East: Prevention, Prohibition and Prosecution (Angelico Press: 2017).** This book is the outcome document of a conference organized under the auspices of ICOLF and includes issues of relevance for this conference.

DRAFT Schedule

**International Expert Strategy Meeting
on the
“Persecution and Genocide of Christians in Sub Saharan Africa”**

**Organized by the International Center on Law, Life, Faith and Family (ICOLF)
Co-sponsored by Ave Maria School of Law, the Hudson Institute’s Center for Religious
Freedom and Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) International**

**5 -7 March 2020
Ave Maria School of Law
1025 Commons Circle
Naples, Florida, 34119
Administration Building**

Thursday – 5 March 2020

*Arrivals and pickups at Fort Myers International Airport and transportation to
Hampton Inn, 2630 Northbrooke Plaza Dr, Naples, Florida 34119*

6:00: *Pickup at Hampton Inn and transportation to Dinner*

**6:30: Dinner – Conference Moderator: Roger Kiska, Esq
Introductions and Keynote Addresses (Nina Shea and others -TBA)**

*Restaurant: The Capital Grille, Naples, Florida
9005 Mercato Dr, Naples, FL - (239) 254-0640*

Friday – 6 March 2020

7:30: *Pickup at Hampton Inn and transportation to mass*

**8:00: Mass - Ave Maria School of Law, 1025 Commons Circle, Commons Building
Naples, Florida, 34119**

8:30: Breakfast

9:00: PANEL I: Overview of the Facts and Issues
10:00: PANEL II: Humanitarian Concerns
11:30: PANEL III: Policy Questions
12:30 – 1:30: Lunch
1:30: PANEL IV: Legal Issues
3:00: PART V: Diplomatic efforts
4:30: PART VI: Funding Raising and Advocacy efforts
5:30: PART VII: Wrap Up and Summary
6:00: *transportation from meeting directly to dinner (TBA)*
**6:30: DINNER – Restaurant: Season 51, 8930 Tamiami Trail N, Naples, FL
34108 - (239) 594-8852)**

Saturday – 7 March 2020

8:00: Mass
8:30: Breakfast
9:00 - 11:30: Part VIII – Strategy Session
12:00: END - *departure from meeting to Fort Myers International Airport*

List of Participants <i>(Physical Presence Confirmed)</i>
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(alphabetical order)

- **Jane Adolphe, Director of ICOLF and Professor of Law, Ave Maria School of Law, USA**
- **Jose Luis Bazan, Commission of the European Union Bishops Conference (COMECE), Belgium**
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